

for its institutions, or the means of enterprize and happiness which it holds out to them.

Prayer, &c.

Your memorialists beg leave to represent, that they have seen by the recent annual message to Congress, that a recommendation has been made for an appropriation to defray the expense for surveying the boundary line between Oregon and the British possessions.

Your memorialists, therefore, beg leave to request, urgently, but respectfully, that you will recommend an additional appropriation, and use such further means, as in your wisdom will prove effectual for the continuation of the survey from the contemplated termination of the Oregon line, along the true international boundary to the north western part of the Lake of the Woods.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. LUDDEN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. HENRY FORBES,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—March fourth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

St. Paul, July 25, 1852. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

ALEX. WILKIN,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

March 6, 1852.

[No. VI.] MEMORIAL to the President of the United States relative to changing the name of the St. Peters river.

Preamble.

The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represents: That the river, from which our territory derives its name, was by the early French voyageurs, called St. Peters, in honor of a Mons. St. Pierre, an officer in the service of the French Government, during the seventeenth century; that there is no possibility that the said St. Pierre was ever connected with the first discoveries made in this region of country, or that he was ever even on this side of the Atlantic ocean, and was therefore in no wise entitled to the honor of perpetuating his name, by fastening it upon one of the principal tributaries of the great national highway of the West. That notwithstanding these facts, this appellation was adopted by our government, after the cession by France, of the country through which it flows, and also by all geographers, travelers and historians, and has continued to be the official and geographical signification of the stream, in all cases when required to be used by officers of the United States, and authors. That "Minnesota" is the true name of this stream as given to it in ages past, by the strong and powerful tribe of aborigines, the Dakotas, who dwell upon its banks; and that not only to assimilate the name of the river with that of the Territory, and future State of Minnesota, but to follow the dictates of what we conceive to be a correct taste, and to show a proper regard for the memory of the great nation, whose homes and country our people are now destined soon to possess, we desire that it should be so designated. Therefore, the constituency we represent, wish that the name of St. Pe-

ters, be entirely dispensed with, and that of "Minnesota" universally substituted. This change has been adopted in all the acts and proceedings of the several Legislative Assemblies of the Territory when it has been necessary to allude to the name, and if a like course were followed by the officers of the national government in all their reports, correspondence and official intercourse, geographers would immediately adopt it; the people at large, throughout the country, would soon become familiar with the change, and the inappropriate title of St. Peters would be forgotten.

We, therefore, most respectfully request, that you will be pleased to give directions to the officers of the different departments of the government, civil and military, to carry out the change herein alluded to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. LUDDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. HENRY FORBES,
President of the Council.

APPROVED—March sixth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
St. Paul, July 25, 1852. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

ALEX. WILKIN,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

[No. VII.] MEMORIAL of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota to the Congress of the United States for a Mail Route from St. Paul, in this Territory, to Lansing, Iowa, via Red Wing and Reed's Landing, in Wabasha county, in said Territory.

Feb. 27, 1852.

Your memorialists respectfully represent: That at the present time, there is but one mail route, by which the Eastern mail is carried to and from St. Paul, and that the distance by said route, from Galena to St. Paul, is at least sixty miles greater than from Galena via Dubuque and Lansing, in Iowa, and Reed's Landing and Red Wing, in Minnesota, the route now proposed.

Preamble.

Your memorialists, therefore regard the establishment of the proposed route, as one of deep interest to the country between Lansing and St. Paul, and to all north of St. Paul. The country through which said route will run, will doubtless within a few years be densely populated, and the route will afford the only direct channel through which communication can be had with the seat of government of the territory; it will also greatly facilitate the arrival of mails to all parts of the territory, particularly during the season during which steamboat navigation is closed. In fine, it will afford the most direct communication with the East and South, that could be established. In view of these facts, and the rapidly increasing want of mail facilities in the western part of Minnesota;

Prayer, &c.

Your memorialists respectfully urge upon your honorable bodies the propriety of immediately establishing a mail route from St. Paul, Minnesota Territory, to Lansing, Iowa, by way of the different points already mentioned, and that a mail be carried semi-weekly,

Prayer, &c.